

EASTERN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALISTAIR BLAMIRE, who earned his first British International honours in the 3000 metres Steeplechase last summer, recorded his initial success in the SCCU's Eastern District Cross-Country Championships run over an undulating course of just over 6 miles in the locality of Grangemouth Stadium last Saturday.

In the early stages over a course on which the going was generally firm, Edinburgh Southern's Fergus Murray led the way, but when Blamire overtook him with a mile and a half to go, there was no stopping the Edinburgh student.

Murray, a master at Fettes College and gradually approaching something like his old form, held on for second place, although Edinburgh AC's Jim Wight was closing up fast in the last mile. The 1968 winner Gareth Bryan-Jones never seriously threatened the leaders and held fifth place throughout.

With five places in the first dozen Edinburgh Southern Harriers were never in danger of losing the team honours. Aberdeen AAC were notable absentees from the Championships.

The Junior Individual Championship run in conjunction with the Senior event was won by Heriot CCC runner Jim Dingwall competing in the colours of Edinburgh University.

The McGill brothers, John and Arthur—both members of the Musselburgh club, Lewisvale Spartans—distinguished themselves with competent victories in the Youths and Senior Boys Championships.

Senior

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| 1. A. Blamire (Edinburgh University) ... | 33.08 |
| 2. F. Murray (Edinburgh Southern) | 33.20 |
| 3. J. Wight (Edinburgh AC) | 33.31 |

4, D. Logue (Edin Univ) 33.51; 5, G. Bryan-Jones (Edin SH) 33.52; 6, C. Douglas (Edin SH) 34.00; 7, A. McKean (Edin Univ) 34.04; 8, D. Ritchie (Aberdeen Univ) 34.52; 9, T. Coyle (Edin SH) 34.54; 10, K. Ballantyne (Edin SH) 34.56; 11, D. Macgregor (Edin SH) 35.00; 12, P. Kearns (Dundee Hawkhill) 35.13; 13, J. Fairgrieve (Edin AC) 35.20; 14, J. Dingwall (Edin Univ) 35.33.

Teams: 1, Edinburgh SH (2,5,6,9,10,11) 43; 2, Edinburgh Univ (1,4,7,14,35,53) 114; 3, Aberdeen Univ. (8,16,23,28,34,41) 150; 4, Edinburgh AC 245; 5, Teviotdale 252; 6, Falkirk Victoria 283; 7, Heriot Watt Univ. 300.

Youths

1, J. McGill (Lewisvale Spartans) 17.23; 2, R. Wallace (Lewisvale) 17.27; 3, R. Sharp (Kirkcaldy YMCA) 17.39; 4, A. Bowes (Edin SH) 17.44; 5, D. Gough (Geo. Heriot's S) 17.49; 6, W. Wyllie (Falkirk V) 18.03. **Teams:** 1, Lewisvale Spartans 21; 2, Kirkcaldy YMCA 25; 3, Geo. Heriot's Sch. 33; 4, Edin. Southern 36; 5, Tayside 59.

Senior Boys

1, J. A. McGill (Lewisvale Sp) 12.23; 2, C. Bell (Forfar Acad) 12.25; 3, J. Martin (Bathgate) 12.54; 4, D. Knowles (Bathgate) 13.01; 5, J. Carlin (Bathgate) 13.07; 6, R. Lee (Forth Valley) 13.11. **Teams:** 1, Bathgate 12; 2, Forfar Academy 34; 3, Edinburgh AC 37; 4, Forth Valley 50; 5, Dundee Hawkhill 51.

Junior Boys

1, P. Forbes (Edin AC) 11.05; 2, D. Henderson (Edin SH) 11.09; 3, D. Campbell (Teviotdale) 11.19; 4, P. Nichol (Teviotdale) 11.26; 5, J. Simpson (Edin AC) 11.37; 6, S. Keicher (Edin AC) 11.38. **Teams:** 1, Edin AC 12; 2, Teviotdale 22; 3, Bathgate 43; 4, Lewisvale Spartans 56; 5, Clackmannan 69.

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(Further Details)

15, G. Brown (ESH) 35.34; 16, C. Youngson (AU) 35.57; 17, W. Cairns (Dundee Un) 36.00; 18, D. McLean (Dundee Hawk) 36.00; 19, W. Day (F'kirk Vic) 36.04; 20, R. McFall (ESH) 36.16; 21, I. Elliott (Teviotdale) 36.20; 22, H. Cameron (AU) 36.20; 23, S. Downie (F'kirk) 37.04; 24, J. Bryant (ESH) 37.08; 25, J. Cheshire (ESH) 37.09; 26, J. Raeburn (ESH) 37.12; 27, D. McIntosh (AU) 37.15; 28, G. Keddie (HCCC) 37.19; 29, D. Wood (ESH) 37.24. Junior Champion: Dingwall (14th).
